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## **EDUCATION**

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### **Ph.D. The University of Alabama, 2019**

Curriculum and Instruction, Elementary Literacy Research Dissertation Title: The Implications of Using Lesson Study as a Professional Development Model to Support Graphical Literacy in Second Grade Dissertation Committee: Drs. Julianne Coleman, Carol Donovan, Janie Hubbard, Cynthia Sunal and Rebecca Ballard

### **EdS. University of West Alabama, 2012**

Elementary Education Specialist

### **M.Ed. University of Montevallo, 2008**

Elementary Education

### **University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2005**

Early Childhood Certification

### **B.S. University of Montevallo, 2003**

Elementary Education

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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2019- present University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama

Assistant Professor  
Elementary Education  
EdS Program Coordinator  
Elementary and Early Childhood EdS  
Reading EdS  
Teacher Leader EdS

2004-2019 Woodstock Elementary School, Bibb County, Alabama

2013 The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Graduate Research Assistant

Dr. Carol Donovan, Special Education and Multiple Abilities CRD 690  
Advanced Seminar AMSTI Research (1 semester)

2010-2013 Woodstock Elementary School Summer Kindergarten Transition Program

Instructor

2008-2010 Woodstock Elementary School Community Learning Center After School Care

Instructor

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of South Alabama

#### Undergraduate Courses

EDU 303	K-6 Field Experience
EDU 345	Field Experience
EDU 346	K-6 Education
EDU 336	Teaching Social Studies
EDU 337	Teaching Science
EDU 430	K-6 Internship
EDU 495	Internship SPE
EEC 338	Curr App Music & Movement in ECE

#### Graduate Courses

EDU 640	Instructional Development
EEC 523	Instructional Planning in Elem School
EEC 537	Teaching Science
EEC 548	Early Childhood Practicum
EEC 557	Elementary Practicum
EEC 595	Internship Elementary
EEC 598	Internship Early Childhood
EEC 690	SpTp Instructional Coaching
EEC 690	Sp Tp Curriculum Leadership
EEC 699	Research Project
LTE 645	Curriculum Leadership
LTE 646	Community and School Leadership
LTE 647	Instructional Coaching
LTE 699	Research Project
RED 531	Trends and Practices in Teaching Reading
RED 548	Literacy Coaching
RED 595	Internship to Reading Education
RED 640	Research in Reading
RED 648	Literacy Coaching for Teacher Leaders
RED 699	Research Project

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Journal Articles

Brannan, L., Filderman, M.J., **Morrison, K.**, & Szatkowski, H. (Submitted 2022). Investigating elementary

Classrooms, American Reading Forum Conference, Sanibel Island, Florida (December, 2022)

**Morrison, K.** Lesson study as a professional development model to promote teacher professional learning. PhD Research in the USA, Ireland, and The Netherlands. Paper presentation at The World Association of Lesson Study International Conference, Beijing, China (November, 2018)

## LOCAL PRESENTATIONS

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**Morrison, K.** AMSTI math in second grade, Presentation for Woodstock Elementary Parenting Day, Woodstock, AI (October, 2014)

**Morrison, K.** Enhancing reading with technology, Presentation for Bibb County Professional Development, Centreville, AI (February, 2012)

**Morrison, K.** Classroom internet integration, Presentation for Woodstock Elementary Professional Development, Woodstock, AI (March, 2012)

**Morrison, K.** AMSTI math in kindergarten, Presentation for Woodstock Elementary Parenting Day, Woodstock, AI (October 2010)

**Morrison, K.** Kindergarten readiness, Presentation for Annual Parenting Workshop for Kindergarten Registration, Woodstock, AI (May, 2009-2014)

## HONORS & AWARDS

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2021 University of South Alabama ILC Most Engaged Faculty Award

2017 ~~Opal at AHD~~ ~~• A^ at A^ as @! A A@ A ^^ \~~

2017 WVUA23/Alabama U} ^q Feature Teacher for February

2015 The University of ~~Opal at~~ Most Outstanding Graduate Student, Elementary

2008 Woodstock Elementary School Teacher of the Year

2008 Bibb County, Alabama Teacher of the Year 2008 Jacksonville State Hall of Fame Nominee

## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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FUNDED

\$3000 University of South Alabama CEPS Internal Grant (2022)

\$299,985 National Science Foundation Grant (2021)

Preparing Elementary Pre Service Teachers to Integrate Computing Across the Curriculum Zha (PI), Gong (Co-PI), **Morrison (Co-PI)**, Byrd (Co-PI), Brannan (Co-PI), Johnson (Co-PI)

\$2,350 Bibb County Child Caring Foundation Grant (2017, 2014, 2009, 2008, 2007)

\$8,000 Funds for Teachers Fellowship to Ireland (2017)

\$2,400 Target Field Trip Grant (2017, 2011, 2007)

\$1,400 Donors Choose Classroom Grant (2016, 2010)

\$10,000 Rural School and Trust Fellowship to Italy (2016)